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Item 88-1

Please note that this is the first publication of The Canadian Aerophilatelist for 1988. The previous issue was Vol III No. II, dated 1 October 1987. Due to the shortage of typists and secretaries an earlier issue for 1988 was not possible. Your indulgence and understanding are appreciated.

Item 88-2

Our first Secretary, Mr. Ken R. Johnston, has had to resign his position due to pressure of personal duties at work and at home. The CAS extends its sincere thanks to Ken for assisting the CAS as its first secretary and in keeping its membership records up-to-date. There have been 127 members in the CAS. Ken will remain an active member of the CAS.

Item 88-3

Mr. E.R. "Ritch" Toop, a noted Canadian philatelist and a past Office Manager of the RPSC, has volunteered to act as interim Secretary until our bi-annual elections are held in October 1988. Ritch is a retired RCAF logistics officer and one of the experienced Canada Post Corporation researchers at the National Postal Museum who was surreptitiously released when the National Postal Museum was emasculated by Post Office bureaucrats in the name of economy. Ritch and his hard-working wife Maureen, brought the RPSC into the computer world when he served as the RPSC's officer manager of its national office for several years. He and LCol Bill Bailey have researched and published at least three invaluable postal history reference texts on the military forces of Canada from the earliest days to the present for the Canadian Armed Forces. Ritch is interested in the flown Forces Air Letter Forms of the Canadian Forces. He has a fabulous collection of all aspects of Canadian military cancellations on cover, which as yet, have to be thoroughly appreciated by Canadian philatelic judges. We welcome Ritch to his acting position of Secretary, CAS. He has volunteered to stand for election to this position.

Item 88-4

Election for the Canadian Aerophilatelic Society's four executive positions is now being actioned in lieu of 1 January 1988. The four executive positions are to be renewed as of 1 January 1989 and will be in effect for two years, i.e. terminating on 31 December 1990. Mr. F.J. Michael Shand, 1183 Agincourt Road, Ottawa, Ontario, K2C 2H8 was appointed by the President of the CAS to present a slate of officers for the consideration of the members. Annex "A" is enclosed listing the four recommended candidates for the four positions - President, Vice President,

Treasurer and Secretary. The Editor of the Canadian Aerophilatelist is appointed by the President of the CAS. A space is included for the write-in of any member in good-standing of the CAS for any of the four positions. A member, however, may be nominated for only one of the four positions by the same nominator. Members are requested to vote for their choices and mail the ballot to Mike Shand by the 15 November 1988.

Results of the election will be tabulated on 15 November 1988 and the membership advised of the results in the next issue of The Canadian Aerophilatelist.

Item 88-5

Membership in the CAS has reached 127. We have had 6 resignations and 2 deaths leaving an active membership of 119 aerophilatelists. Annex "B" dated 1 August 1988 presents our membership status by retiring secretary Ken Johnson.

Item 88-6

The CAS is pleased to welcome 28 new members to its organization. It is hoped that these new members will benefit from their membership in the Society. The new members, their respective numbers and addresses are:

1. #100 Mr. Charles E. Lewis, 1436 Crescent Road
Lorne Park, Ontario, L5H 1P6
2. #101 Theo Skotnicke, 2341 Falls Link, Grand Island,
New York, USA #14072
3. #102 Gord MacMillan, 2 Horatio Crescent, Bramalea,
Ontario, L6S 1X8
4. #103 Kasimer Bileski, Postal Station "B", Winnipeg,
Manitoba, R2W 3R4
5. #104 E.A. Mayo, 352 Waterloo Street, Winnipeg,
Manitoba, R3N 0S6
6. #105 Dr. Gordon L. Ralph, 31 Clairmont Street,
Thorald, Ontario, L2V 1R5
7. #106 Maurice G. Malenfant, 706 Main Street,
P.O. Box 729, St Leonard, N.B., EOL 1M0

8. #107 Mark R. Tyx, Box 2315, Stanford, California,
USA #94309
9. #108 Herb W. Williams, 305-1240 St. Georges Avenue,
North Vancouver, B.C., V7L 3J1
10. #109 Mr. Gary J. Lyon, P.O. Box 450, Bathurst,
N.B., E2A 3Z4
11. #110 Donald C. Matheson, 505-389 Barker Blvd,
Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3R 2M1
12. #111 Mr. James Larry Kobelt, 8731 South Mozark,
Evergreen Park, Illinois, USA #60642
13. #112 Joe Levy, 23 Bentinck Street, Putten,
Netherlands, 388 2EA
14. #113 Robert H. Managhan, 230 Waterloo Street,
Kitchener, Ontario, N2H 3W1
15. #114 Alan Wyatt, 40 Prince Rupert Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario, M6P 2A7
16. #115 John C.W. Field, P.O. Box 607, Sutton Coldfield,
West Midlands, England, B73 6AS
17. #116 Enzo Diena, Via Crescenzo 19, Rome
Italy, I-00193
18. #117 Dr. John Bulger, 923 Braham Blvd, Montreal,
P.Q., H3P 2E8
19. #118 E.M. Pierpoint, #54-3787 Lakeshore Rd,
Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 1X2
20. #119 Val Kuschner, RR#3, P.O. Box 517, Manotick,
Ontario, KOA 2N0
21. #120 Allan Townshend, 2041 Quincy Avenue, Gloucester,
Ontario, K1J 6B2
22. #121 Burt G. Brice, 3 Welland Street, Perth,
Ontario, K7H 3H6
23. #122 Peter Muggler, Remtlerstrasse 32, Zurich,
Switzerland, CH-8003
24. #123 Mrs. Ruth Naegeli, Schorenweg 20/10 CH-4058,
Basel, Switzerland

- 25. #124 Dr. Reuben A. Ramkissoo, 3011 White Oak Lane,
Oak Brook, Illinois, USA #60521
- 26. #125 William Kucher, 167 Cleveland Avenue, Colonia,
New Jersey, USA #07067
- 27. #126 George A. MacKenzie, Apt 515, 1333 South Park St,
Halifax, N.S., B3J 2K9
- 28. #127 Thomas A. Hurry, 104-2045 Carling Avenue, Ottawa,
Ontario, K2A 1G5

Item 88-7

The Treasurer's reports dated 3 December 1987 and 1 August 1988 are attached as Annex "C". The bank balance as of 1 August 1988 was \$1,390.58. The inventory of flown flight covers, aerogrammes and souvenir booklets is being prepared and counted for accounting purposes. It is estimated that there is an inventory of \$500.00 in value at cost for resale to members and other aerophilatelists.

Item 88-8

There have been several philatelic exhibitions in which our members have exhibited and have received awards - HAFNIA '87, in Copenhagen, Denmark; LUPOSTA '87, the XVII FISA Congress in Berlin September 1987; AUSIPEX '88 in Melbourne, Australia; LUPO WIEN '88 in Vienna in May 1988; and PRAGA '88 in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Results have been published in the AAMS Journal, the Canadian Philatelist, the Canadian Stamps News, and other philatelic publications.

Congratulations are extended to all our award winners.

Item 88-9

A most successful opening of the new building for the National Aviation Museum was held on 17 June 1988 at Rockcliffe, Ontario. The executive of the CAS were invited to attend as well as Ed Letick and John Johnson from the USA, both of whom are members of the CAS. A special cachet was prepared for use on 957 flown envelopes in the First World War Sopwith Pup C-FRFC flown at Rockcliffe on 17 June 1988. Since I made the arrangements for the cachet and envelopes, Bob Bradford gave the CAS for resale for funds for its activities 50 of the special envelopes. The other 907 are for presentation to VIP's and for resale at the museum's boutique. The value of the flown cacheted envelopes is

\$10.00 each. Data are enclosed on the National Aviation Museum. Our envelopes will be available to members on a first order, first receive basis. A complementary CAS CAPEX '87 booklet overprinted for the opening will be given to CAS members purchasing one of these special envelopes. A specially cacheted Canadian .74¢ aerogramme and a Canada Goose post card flown by the Snowbirds at CFB Moose Jaw for 1988, and recancelled at Rockcliffe on 17 June 1988, are available also to CAS members at \$10.00 per set. See Annex "D" for further data.

Item 88-10

Annex "D" presents a pot-pourri of Canadian philatelic news, stressing aerophilatelic and astrophilatelic data. Reports on LUPO WIEN '88, on WIEN '90, on national qualifications for entry in FIP world and international exhibitions, and on aerophilatelic items available for sale concerning HAFNIA '87, LUPO WIEN '88, the opening of the National Aviation Museum on 17 June '88, and the two Canadian Airlines International first flight covers to Beijing, China on 27 October 1987, and to Bangkok, Thailand on 28 October 1987 are enclosed.

Item 88-11

President Pat Sloan is pleased to announce that the CAS was unanimously accepted as an official member of FISA (Fédération Internationale des Sociétés Aérophilatéliques). To facilitate matters of representation for the CAS for the annual FISA Congress that is normally held in Europe, the Executive have asked that member Ken Sanford, now working and living in Geneva, Switzerland, be the accepted Canadian delegate for the annual Congress. The FISA Executive have agreed to this request, as has Ken. He will present the views of the CAS on matters of policy.

Item 88-12

The CAS has obtained 50 sets of the 1987 CAPEX Catalogue and Palmares. If you do not have a copy of this historic philatelic set you may purchase a set for \$5.00 Canadian. This cost includes postage prepaid to your address in Canada. In the USA please add \$1.00 and for overseas please add \$2.00 for postage costs.

Item 88-13

In the Aerophilatelic Federation of the Americas (AFA) there is the Concorde Collectors Club. Since the Concorde have flown mail to, from and within Canada, some of our members may wish to

contact the President of the Concorde Collectors Club for data on applicable Canadian flown Concorde covers. Write to Roger Lader, Editor CCC News, 405 Montreal Avenue, Staten Island, New York, USA, #10306.

Item 88-14

A letter from George W. Schafer, Operations Manager, Airport Mail Facility, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA #19153-9741, dated 25 November 1987 verifies the correct date of 27 October 1987 as the date of the inaugural flight from Philadelphia to Montreal via Lufthansa German Airlines. (Annex "E")

Item 88-15

Collectors of Canadian semi-official air mail covers and stamps who are members of BNAPS (British North America Philatelic Society) have formed a BNAPS Canadian semi-official air mail study group. Several of our CAS members are BNAPS members and are also members of this special study group. The CAS does not wish to duplicate the work of this study group which has in the past as well as in the present issued some excellent data summaries on Canadian semi-official air mail stamps and flown covers. Interested members should write to Mr. Robert W. Marcello (a CAS member), P.O. Box 961, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, #02103. The CAS has not yet formed study groups in any particular areas. President Sloan would welcome volunteers to head such activities within the CAS and to liaise with other interested groups as the one headed by Bob Marcello.

Item 88-16

Another study group on all aspects of Canadian philately, including aerophilately is the Canadiana Study Unit which has a membership fee of \$5.00 Canadian to Canadiana addresses, \$5.00 US to US addresses, and \$10.00 Canadian to addresses elsewhere. See Annex "F".

Item 88-17

The CAS is planning to submit an application to become an affiliate of the American Philatelic Society (APS). We feel that there is much to gain by becoming an APS affiliate. One of the requirements is to indicate that at least ten CAS members are also APS members. Our CAS application form did not clearly ask for this membership affiliation. Would those CAS members that are APS members please let Dick Malott know so that this data may be submitted with the APS affiliation application. Please include your APS number also. Thanks.

Item 88-18

CAS Member Corporal Alan McLellan (ID #98) wishes to contact anyone that has knowledge about and collects the RCAF and Canadian Forces Squadron commemorative envelopes. He has 25th anniversary covers for 421, 424 and 444 RCAF Squadrons. There have been several more RCAF Squadron covers issued. This would be an excellent subject for a CAS member to work on and produce a check list for members like Alan McLellan. Who wishes to volunteer for this project? Please contact Dick Malott if you are willing to undertake this project.

Item 88-19

I have often suggested that serious Canadian aerophilatelic collectors join the Canadian Aviation Historical Society for the invaluable information published in their Journal issued 4 times a year. For further data write to The Secretary, National Headquarters, P.O. Box 224, Station "A", Willowdale, Ontario, M2N 5S8. (See Annex "G" for an application form).

The CAHS held their annual convention in 1988, their 25th Silver Anniversary Convention, in Ottawa from 29 April to 1 May 1988. Data re the convention and the opening of the National Aviation Museum (NAM) are enclosed as Annex "H". I was honoured to be asked to present an aerophilatelic talk with slides on the "Pioneer and Semi-Official Air Mail Flown Covers of Canada, 1853 to 1934." I spoke to over 125 CAHS members and I was able to obtain three new members for the CAS.

Item 88-20

President Pat Sloan represented the CAS at LUPOSTA '87 and the XXVII FISA Congress at Berlin, 25 to 27 September 1987. Annex "I" presents Pat's report on his trip.

Item 88-21

CAS member Keith R. Spencer (ID #77) is Chairman of the PIPEX '89 show, the annual meeting and exhibition of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs, from 23 to 25 June 1989 in Edmonton, Alberta. The exhibition will be held in the Terrace Inn and the famous Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame at the Edmonton Convention Centre. The top winner qualifies for the APS "Champion of Champions" exhibition. The intent is to have an airmail theme, stressing the bush pilot influence and the accomplishments of the famous Katherine Stinson, the first woman to fly mail in Canada - from Calgary to Edmonton on 9 July 1918. A CAS regional meeting will be held at PIPEX '89, and possibly its annual meeting. The Northwest Chapter of the AAMS is expected to also write to Mr. Keith R. Spencer, Chairman, PIPEX '89, 5005 Whitemud Road, Edmonton, Alberta, T6H 5L2.

Item 88-22

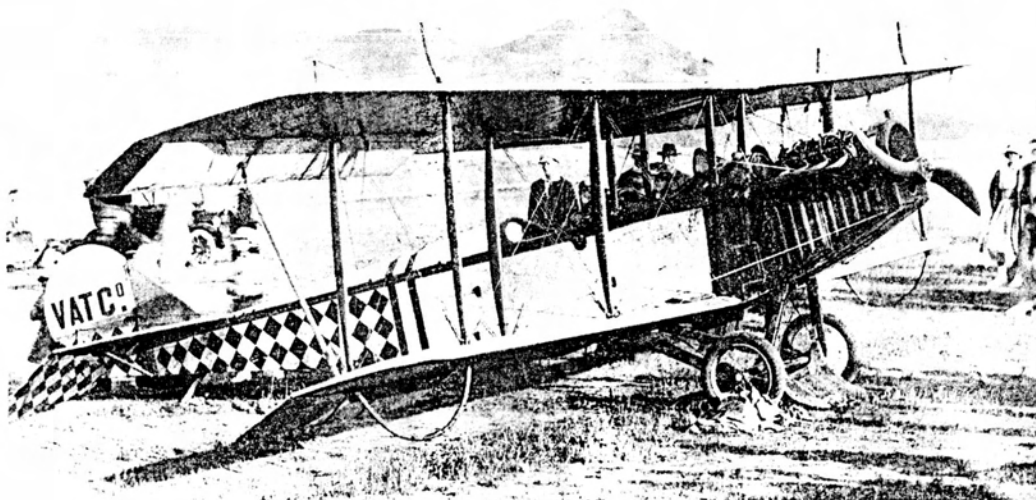
Ray Broms, Editor of the Shuttle Era, AFA, 4800 Chicago Beach Drive, Chicago, Illinois, USA, #60615 sent an interesting article on the Canadian Jet Line C-102 which would have put Canada in the forefront of the jet age. Unfortunately this was not to be. One of Bob Bradford's marvelous aircraft stamps depicts the C-102 in flight. Don Rodgers, pilot of the C-102 flew its inaugural flight to New York City from Toronto on 18 April 1950. Special Souvenir mail was flown on this flight. (AAMA #365) See Annex "J".

Item 88-23

Our Treasurer, Nelson Bentley, has prepared an excellent book review on "Amelia Earhart - The Final Story", by Vincent L. Loomis and Jeffrey L. Ethell, published by Random House, 1985. See Annex "K".

Item 88-24

CAS member, E.M. Pierpoint, #54-3787 Lakeshore Road, Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 1X2 (ID #18) seeks accumulations of Canadian first flight covers. Any member who can assist Mr. Pierpoint is requested to contact him. Mr. Pierpoint advises that he has a quantity of a post card depicting Captain Ernest C. Hoy and his Curtiss JN-4 aircraft VATC at Vernon, B.C. during his history making flight from Vancouver over the Rockies to Calgary on 7 August 1919. Anyone wishing a complimentary card is requested to write to him. A stamped, self-addressed envelope would be a kindly gesture by those requesting a post card.



Item 88-25

Canada Post Corporation announced on 22 April 1988 an entirely new system of sending air mail to Europe. All air mail destined for Europe will be trucked from Montreal and Toronto to New York, where it will be placed on an Interstate Airlines Charter flight and flown to Brussels, Belgium. From Brussels, the air mail will be channeled into a 14-country courier system to the air mail's destination. Canada's three main airlines Air Canada, Canadian Airlines International and Wardair - are very upset over these arrangements. Canada Post Corporation stated the system was adopted to make the delivery of air mail overseas more reliable, rather than to save time or money. See Annex "L" for further details. It will now be almost impossible to obtain any type of a Canadian air mail first cover to new destinations for any airline flying to or from Canada.

Item 88-26

An announcement in a Toronto newspaper printed in German "Deutsche Presse" early in May 1988 announced that Pakistan International Airlines "PIA" was to inaugurate a weekly flight from Toronto to Karachi via Frankfurt and Damascus on Sunday, 17 April 1988, and another weekly flight from Toronto to Islamabad via Frankfurt and Istanbul on Thursday, 23 June 1988. No official mail was contracted to be flown on behalf of Canada Post Corporation. Cooperative Canada Post Corporation personnel cancelled 25 prepared envelopes at the AMF, Pearson International Airport, Toronto on both occasions, gave them to Cooperative Air Pakistan airline pilots and asked them to deliver them to the mail system in Karachi and Islamabad. Twelve envelopes sent to Frankfurt on both occasions and 12 sent to Istanbul have been returned with various arrival and departure cancellation. As of 12 October 1988 no envelopes have been returned from Damascus, Karachi, or Islamabad. Such are the results when trying to obtain examples of flown air mail on inaugural routes from Canada by domestic or foreign airlines. The CAS was fortunate to have the assistance of CAS member Bill Bartlett, Postmaster in Saanichton, B.C. to obtain our flown Canadian Airlines International envelopes to Shanghai in 1986 and to Beijing, China, and Bangkok, Thailand in 1987. We were unable to obtain first flight covers on the Chinese or Thai Airlines when they inaugurated new routes to and from Canada earlier this year, 1988. See Annex "M".

Item 88-27

The Dayton Stamp Club hosted AIRPEX XIII and the 64th Convention of the AAMS at Dayton, Ohio, USA, 30 September to 2 October 1988 inclusive. The exhibition and bourse was held in the Dayton

Exhibition Centre, 5th and Main Streets, Dayton, Ohio, USA. The Stouffer's, Dayton Plaza Hotel, connected to the Convention Centre, was the chosen convention hotel with special convention rates. For further data on past and future AIPEX events write to Martin Richardson, Exhibits Chairman, c/o the Dayton Stamp Club, P.O. Box 1574, Dayton, Ohio, USA, #45424. The event was most successful for all concerned. A report will be prepared for the next issue of the Canadian Aerophilatelist.

Item 88-28

Attached at Annex "N" is the News Release dated 6 April 1988 from Canada Post Corporation relating to the disposition of the National Postal Museum and its Philatelic Library. There are many questions yet to be answered including what, if anything, will Canada Post Corporation be doing for national, international and world philatelic exhibitions. Will they support Canadian philatelic exhibits, produce philatelic exhibitions cards, and provide Canadian philatelic gifts for distribution to commissioners, judges and FIP Congress delegates at future FIP exhibitions? Canada Post Corporation still controls the selection, design, printing and distribution of all postal and philatelic material. The National Archives Canada will be responsible for all philatelic material, documents, books, and collections through the Canadian Postal Archives directed by Mr. Cimon Morin, the well-know Director of the National Postal Museum Library. The Canadian Postal Museum will be controlled by the Canadian Museum of Civilization (CMC) and it will be situated in the new Canadian Museum of Civilization complex now being constructed in Hull, Quebec, across the Ottawa River from the new National Gallery of Canada (NGC) and the Canadian War Museum (CWM). The Canadian Postal Museum (CPM) will contain three dimensional artifacts such as postal equipment, uniforms, diaramas, cancelling hammers, and an early post office diarama. The head of this segment will be Ms. Johane La Rochelle.

Item 88-29

"Glider Mail" book published by AAMS.

"Glider Mail, an Aerophilatelic Handbook," by Simine M. Short, a 262-page descriptive catalogue listing and pricing guide covering all currently know instances of mail flown in motorless aircraft, has just been published by the American Air Mail Society.

The bulk of "Glider Mail" comprises the first detailed compilation ever made of world-wide glider mail flight from 1922 through to 1986. The listing is by country (total of 34), and it includes 25 outline maps, envelopes and cards, and about 300 illustrated postmarks and vignettes. Covers are priced according

to an alphabetic value/rarity guide which allows for world-wide usage without special accounting for currency fluctuations or inflation.

A "GliderPhile" section lists world-wide stamps and postal stationary (envelopes, aerogrammes, and cards) from 88 countries for the thematic or topical collector. This section is priced according to prevailing values at the time of publication.

A 6-page reference listing, and a chronological cross-index and checklist round out the handbook.

The book is priced at \$26.50 Canadian. AAMS members may order one copy at 20% discount, i.e. \$21.25 Canadian plus \$1.50 postage. Orders should be sent to Nelson Bentley, 3044 Otterson Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K1V 7B6. Cheques should be made out to the Canadian Aerophilatelic Society.

Item 88-30

Collectors interested in Israel Holy Land Judaica philatelic material should contact Mr. A. Ben David, President, World Philatelic Congress of Israel Holy Land Judaica Societies, P.O. Box 1400, Station "B", Downsview, Ontario, Canada, M3H 5W3. An excellent newsy philatelic publication "WPC Newsletter" is issued. Dues are \$30.00 per year (Canadian I believe). Fred Blau, one of our CAS members, and well-known for his aerophilatelic activities, is the head of the Holy Land Aero-Philately team. His address is P.O. Box 59153, Chicago, Illinois, USA, #60659.

Item 88-31

For the recent elections for president of the FIP Aerophilatelic Commission held on 31 August 1988 during PRAGA '88 at Prague, Czechoslovakia, Captain Frank Lemos da Silveira was reelected to the position. The only other candidate was the V/President of the CAS, Major R.K. "Dick" Malott of Nepean, Ontario. The successful candidates for the six board members are listed in Annex "O". Best wishes are extended to Frank and his six Board Members from the Executive and members of the CAS.

Item 88-32

The Canadian War Museum/Canadian Museum of Civilization/National Museum of Canada extends best wishes to all CAS members and their friends for success in their aerophilatelic/astrophilatelic activities for 1988 and 1989. A selection of data, brochures and booklets on the museums of Ottawa are enclosed for your perusal and retention.

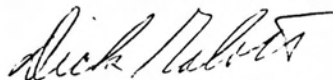
Item 88-33

Queries from two aerophilatelic collectors from Germany have been received, help them if you can. Mr. Weimer Hildebrand Limburgstrass 16, D-7319 Dettingen - Tech, FRG (West Germany) a AAMS member wishes to exchange Canadian First Flight Covers and Canadian stamps. Contact him if you are interested. Mr. Achim Lange, Poste Restante, Berlin-Schönefeld Flughafen, GDR-1189 (East Germany) has prepared an attractive flight envelope by Interflug, Deutsche Demokratische Republik to the Calgary Olympic Games. Cost is \$5.00 each payable to the Secretary, CAS. Anyone wishing an envelope should send in the order by 1 December 1988. Mr. Lange is also interested in exchanging first flight covers and stamps of East Germany for Canadian.

Item 88-34

If any members have aerophilatelic or astrophilatelic data to share with the CAS membership, please send it to the editor's address - R. K. Malott, 16 Harwick Crescent, Nepean, Ontario, K2H 6R1, Canada.

The next issue of The Canadian Aerophilatelist will be issued before 1 January 1989. I trust that the data and material enclosed herewith will be of interest to you.



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Attachments: (Appendices "A" to "P")

